

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 VANCOU 00708 282329Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 FEA-01 ERDA-05 AID-05 CEA-01

CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 FPC-01 H-01 INR-07 INT-05

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-05 USIA-06 OES-07

SP-02 SS-15 STR-04 TRSE-00 ACDA-07 /102 W

-----124822 282330Z /65/64

P 262056Z JUL 77

FM AMCONSUL VANCOUVER

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3624

INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

ALL CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA (BY POUCH)

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE VANCOUVER 0708

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y MRN (708 VICE 06748)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CA

SUBJECT: ENERGY: WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY

REF: VANCOUVER 701

1. FOLLOWING IS COMMENT UPON WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY PROCEEDINGS WHICH WERE REPORTED UPON IN REFTEL.

2. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE LENGTHY OPENING STATEMENT OF COMMISSION COUNSEL AND STATEMENTS OF OPPONENTS TO WEST COAST OIL PORTS THAT INQUIRY WILL BE EXCEEDINGLY COMPLEX AND CONTENTIOUS. THERE IS MARKED POTENTIAL FOR ITS EXTENDING WELL BEYOND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. COUNSEL STATED THAT "INQUIRY WILL EXAMINE THE BROADER CANADIAN CONCERNS AND ISSUES RELATED TO OIL TANKER MOVEMENT" AND "IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER APPLICATIONS...ARE BEFORE OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITIES, IN ABEYANCE, ADJOURNED, OR MERELY THE FORLORN HOPE OF ENTERPRISING CORPORATIONS."

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 VANCOU 00708 282329Z

HE FURTHER STATED INQUIRY MUST EXAMINE WHAT IS TAKING PLACE WITH REGARD TO OIL NOT ONLY WITHIN THE U.S., BUT INTERNATIONALLY AS WELL. COUNSEL HAS ALSO ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING ALL PARTICIPANTS IN INQUIRY IN OBTAINING DOCUMENTATION TO FACILITATE THEIR CASE PREPARATIONS. IN ADDITION, OPPONENTS OF THE VARIOUS PORT PROJECTS FLATLY STATE THEY WILL CROSS-EXAMINE

WITNESSES EXTENSIVELY AND CALL FOR TESTIMONY FROM AS MANY OUTSIDE SPECIALISTS AND EXPERTS AS POSSIBLE.

3. DURING THE THREE DAYS OF THE OPENING STATEMENTS, DR. THOMPSON MADE NO ATTEMPT TO LIMIT EVEN THE MOST RAMBLING AND POORLY FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS. THIS WAS PROBABLY WISE, HOWEVER, AS NO ONE CAN NOW CLAIM HE DID NOT HAVE FULL FREEDOM TO STATE HIS CASE BEFORE THE GLARE OF THE TV CAMERAS. MORE WORRISOME IS FACT THAT DR. THOMPSON HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A TIMETABLE FOR

CONSIDERATION OF THE SIX PHASES OF THE INQUIRY (SEE PARA 3, REFTEL). WHILE PHASE I IS TO COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 7, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ITS DURATION, NOR THE START-UP TIME FOR PHASE II. THIS LACK OF SPECIFICITY IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR SOME PARTICIPANTS TO PLAN THEIR SCHEDULES FOR SUBMITTING EVIDENCE AND ARRANGING FOR WITNESSES, ETC.

4. A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER TOLD ECONOFF THAT DR. THOMPSON, DURING A RECENT VISIT TO VICTORIA, TOLD B.C. OFFICIALS THAT WHILE THE HEARINGS MIGHT BE COMPLETED BY YEAR'S END, HE FORESAW POSSIBILITY HE WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST OTTAWA FOR AN EXTENSION OF SEVERAL MONTHS TO WRITE HIS REPORT. LUPPI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** OILS, ENERGY, PORTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 26-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977VANCOU00708  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770271-0500  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** VANCOUVER  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770716/aaaaanwr.tel  
**Line Count:** 86  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ca118663-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 VANCOUVER 701  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 28-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1741340  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ENERGY: WEST COAST OIL PORTS INQUIRY  
**TAGS:** ENRG, CA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ca118663-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009